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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 31 March 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 58th meeting

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(f) Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee (A/54/106 and A/C.5/54/10/Add.1)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Victor V. Vislykh as a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee beginning on the date of the appointment by the General Assembly and ending on 31 December 2000.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Definition of exigency needs

The representative of the Netherlands, Mr. Michiel Crom, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/54/L.43.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

The representative of Poland, Mr. Jan Piotr Jaremczuk, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.44.

Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session appear in PART II (English/French) of the present issue of the Journal (No. 2000/64 (PART II)).

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Outsourcing practices in the United Nations

The representative of the Netherlands, Mr. Michiel Crom, coordinator of informal consultations on this question introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.48.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Strengthening of external oversight mechanisms

The Chairman introduced draft decision A/C.5/54/L.50, which had been coordinated by the representative of Zimbabwe, Mr. Lovemore Mazemo.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The representative of Belgium, Mr. Peter Van De Velde, coordinator of informal consultations on this question introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.55.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Integrated Management Information System

The representative of Poland, Mr. Jan Piotr Jaremczuk, Rapporteur of the Committee, introduced draft decision A/C.5/54/L.45.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme planning [120]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman introduced draft decisions A/C.5/54/L.46 and A/C.5/54/L.47, which had been coordinated by the representative of Côte d'Ivoire, Mr. Manlan Ahounou.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decisions.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Review of the resource requirements for the High-Level Intergovernmental Event for Financing for Development and the Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries

The representative of Cuba, Ms. Dulce María Buergo Rodríguez, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.49.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The representative of Italy made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Pattern of conferences [124]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

United Nations publications

The representative of Argentina, Ms. Valeria María González Posse, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced and corrected draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.42.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic drew the attention to corrections to the Arabic version of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor [169]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Egypt, Mr. Ahmed H. Darwish, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.51.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor [173]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Egypt, Mr. Ahmed H. Darwish, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.52.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [175]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mr. Seyed Morteza Mirmohammad, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.53.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Improving the working methods of the Fifth Committee

The Chairman made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to defer consideration of the question to the second part of its resumed fifty-fourth session.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [127]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Belgium, Mr. Peter Van DeVelde, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, informed the Committee on the results of informal consultations.

In light of the statement made by the representative of Belgium, on the proposal of the Chairman the Committee decided, without a vote, to defer consideration of the item to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

The representative of Tunisia made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

Human resources management [164]

Gratis personnel

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

The representative of India, Mr. Ramesh Chandra, coordinator of informal consultations on these agenda items, informed the Committee on the results of informal consultations.

In light of the statement made by the representative of India, on the proposal of the Chairman the Committee decided, without a vote, to defer consideration of the question to the second part of its resumed fifty-fourth session.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this question.

Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General and officials other that Secretariat officials and experts on mission

The representative of Cuba, Ms. Dulce María Buergo Rodríguez Vice-Chairman of the Committee, and coordinator of informal consultations on these agenda items, informed the Committee on the results of informal consultations.

In light of the statement made by the representative of Cuba, on the proposal of the Chairman the Committee decided, without a vote, to defer consideration of the item to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Tunisia and Cuba.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of these agenda items.

Human resources management [164]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of India, Mr. Ramesh Chandra, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, informed the Committee on the results of informal consultations.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines, the Russian Federation and Tunisia.

In light of the statement made by the representative of India, on the proposal of the Chairman the Committee decided, without a vote, to defer consideration of the item to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Japan, the Philippines, Cuba, the Russian Federation and Ethiopia.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Ireland, Mr. Frank Smyth, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, informed the Committee on the results of informal consultations.

In light of the statement made by the representative of Ireland, the Chairman made a statement and suspended the meeting.

58th (resumed) meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Ireland, Mr. Frank Smyth, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.54.

The representatives Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation and Argentina spoke on points of clarification.

The representative of Ireland made a statement.

The representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) also made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally revised and amended during the discussion.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation, the United States, Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Belarus.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Other matters

The representative of Egypt requested information regarding the implementation of promotions in the Security and Safety Service.

The representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement regarding the Group's position on agenda item 164.

Closure of the first part of the resumed fifty-fourth session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly

The Chairman made a statement in the course of which she informed the Committee that the second part of the resumed fifty-fourth session of the Fifth Committee would be held from 8 May to 2 June 2000. She then declared closed the work of the Fifth Committee at its first resumed session of the fifty-fourth session.

Monday, 3 April 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

94th plenary meeting

The Millennium Assembly: report of the Secretary-General (We the peoples: the role of the United Nations in the twenty-first century) (A/54/2000) [49 (b)]

The Secretary-General introduced his report (A/54/2000).

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